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Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., protests against DOGE, the Department of Government Efficiency, as he and other House Democrats speak out against the Republican budget plan, on the House steps at the Capitol in Washington, Feb. 25, 2025.
Associated Press

Trump’s workforce purge batters D.C.’s job market and leads to rise in homes for sale, report finds

By **FATIMA HUSSEIN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Department of Government Efficiency’s remaking of the federal workforce has battered the Washington job market and put more households in the metropolitan area in financial distress, according to

a report released Wednesday.

The number of homes for sale in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia region, also known as the DMV, is up by 64% since June 2024, and the region’s unemployment rate is the highest in the nation, according to the DMV

Monitor, a real-time data interactive created by the Brookings Institution with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Washington has had the nation’s highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for four straight months. The unemployment rate was 5.3% in January and ticked up to 6% in August, compared with the 4.3% national average, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

From the start of President Donald Trump’s second term in January, DOGE, led by his then-adviser Elon Musk, instigated purges of federal agencies with the expressed mission of rooting out fraud, waste and abuse. DOGE led to tens of thousands of job cuts, including layoffs and people who accepted financial incentives to quit. Some people were rehired, a reflection of the haphazard process. Although losses were felt around the country, the Washington area was particularly hard hit.

Scott Kuper, director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, said last month that there will be 300,000 fewer federal workers on the payroll nationwide by the end of the year. The government has about 2.5 million workers, including military members. Contractors have been affected, too. DOGE’s website states that 13,231 federal government contracts have been terminated, totaling \$59 billion in savings. In fiscal year 2024, more than 100,000 companies received contracts, totaling roughly \$774 billion.

Besides the mass layoffs, the Republican president’s other actions to remake the image of the nation’s capital including deploying National Guard troops and federalizing the city’s local Metropolitan Police Department “could shape consumer spending and investment in the local economy,” the report says. □



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2 detainees killed and another critically injured in Dallas ICE facility, Homeland Security says

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A shooter with a rifle opened fire from a nearby roof onto a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement location in Dallas on Wednesday, killing two detainees and wounding another before taking his own life, authorities said.

The exact motivation for the attack was not immediately known. The head of the FBI, Kash Patel, released a photo on social media that shows a bullet found at the scene with the words "ANTI-ICE" written in what appears to be marker.

The attack is the latest public, targeted killing in the U.S. and comes two weeks after conservative leader Charlie Kirk was killed by a rifle-wielding shooter on a roof.

"The shooter fired indiscriminately at the ICE building, including at a van in the sallyport where the victims were shot," the Department of Homeland Security said in a release about the Dallas shooting.

The detainee who survived was in critical condition at a hospital, DHS said.

No ICE agents were injured. **'Targeted violence'**

At a news conference, authorities gave few details about the shooting and did not release the names of



Law enforcement gather at a staging area close to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office after a reported shooting, in Dallas on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025.

Associated Press

the victims or the gunman. The FBI said it was investigating the shooting as "an act of targeted violence." Officers responded to a call to assist an officer on North Stemmons Freeway around 6:40 a.m. Wednesday and determined that someone opened fire at a government building from an adjacent building, Dallas police spokesperson Officer Jonathen E. Maner said in an email.

Edwin Cardona, an immigrant from Venezuela, said he was entering the ICE building with his son for an

appointment around 6:20 a.m. when he heard gunshots. An agent gathered people who were inside, took them to a more secure area and explained that there was an active shooter, Cardona said.

"I was afraid for my family because my family was outside. I felt terrible because I thought something could happen to them. Thank God no," Cardona said.

Cardona said his family was brought into the building, and they were later reunited.

The ICE facility is along Interstate 35 East, just southwest of Dallas Love Field, a large commercial airport serving the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, and blocks from hotels catering to travelers.

Officials call for end to political violence

Shortly after the shooting and before officials said at least one victim was a detainee, Vice President JD Vance posted on the social platform X that "the obsessive attack on law enforcement, particularly ICE, must stop."

Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz from Texas continued in that direction, calling for an end to politically motivated violence.

"To every politician who is using rhetoric demonizing ICE and demonizing CPB: stop," Cruz told reporters, referencing Customs and Border Protection.

But immediately after the news conference in which officials refused to say whether the victims included detainees, Democratic U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey called in to Dallas' WFAA-TV newscast and told them he was "absolutely sickened" by some officials' comments.

"If they are trying to control this narrative and they don't want migrants to be the victim in this story, then they may want to slow-walk giving us any information about this so they can still keep on talking about attacks on ICE," Veasey said. The Rev. Ashley Anne Sipe, who prays outside of the Dallas ICE facility every Monday, called the shooting heartbreaking.

"Violence doesn't heal anything," Sipe, a pastor in Lewisville near Dallas, told The Associated Press.

Sipe and other local faith leaders who have decried deportations hold weekly vigils and serve as "moral witnesses." □

U.S. Justice Department official ordered to drop inquiry into Sandy Hook lawsuit against Alex Jones

By DAVE COLLINS and ALANNA DURKIN
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Associated Press

Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche has ordered a senior U.S. Justice Department official to drop an inquiry into a retired FBI agent's involvement in a defamation lawsuit involving Alex Jones' conspiracy theories about the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Ed Martin Jr., who leads the Justice Department's "weaponization working group," sent a letter dated Sept. 15 to the Sandy Hook families' lawyer asking for information about former FBI agent William Aldenberg. The request "caused frustrations" within the department, and Blanche directed Martin to withdraw the

letter, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal agency matters.

The Sandy Hook families' lawyer, Christopher Mattei, said he received a new letter from Martin on Wednesday, saying there was no investigation of Aldenberg and "I hereby withdraw my request for information."

"Less than 18 hours after calling out Alex Jones and Ed Martin for their corrupt use of the Department of Justice to harass Sandy Hook families and the heroic FBI agent who ran into that school to save any children he could, I am happy to learn that this so-called inquiry has now been withdrawn, if it ever existed at all," Mattei said in a statement. □



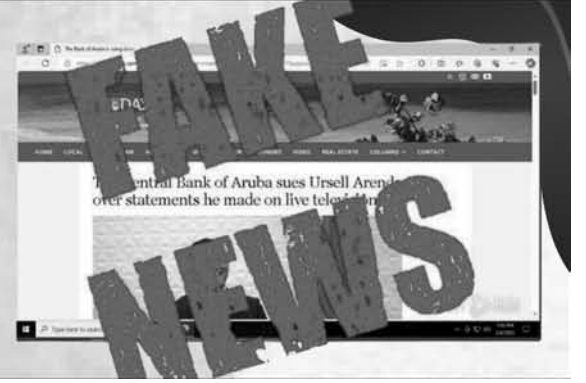
U.S. Attorney Edward R. Martin Jr. speaks at a news conference, May 13, 2025, in Washington.

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Judge scolds Justice Department over public statements in UnitedHealthcare CEO murder case



Luigi Mangione, accused of fatally shooting UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson, appears in Manhattan state court in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025.

Associated Press

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER and MICHAEL R. SISK**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — At least two senior Justice Department officials likely broke court rules governing the conduct of prosecutors by reposting comments President Donald Trump made about Luigi Mangione, the man accused of assassinating the CEO at UnitedHealthcare, a federal judge said Wednesday. Judge Margaret M. Gar-nett said in an order that the officials probably violated a local rule limiting what prosecutors can say publicly about the guilt or innocence of a defendant before a trial. On Sept. 18, Trump went on Fox News and called Mangione “a pure assassin.”

“He shot someone in the back as clear as you’re looking at me,” Trump said. “He shot him right in the

middle of the back, instantly dead.”

A video clip of Trump’s remarks was then posted on the social platform X by the White House, and then reposted by Chad Gilmartin, a Justice Department spokesperson, who added the comment, “@POTUS is absolutely right.” Gilmartin’s post, which was later deleted, was then reposted by Brian Nieves, an associate deputy attorney general. The judge asked the department to explain how the violations occurred and what steps are being taken to ensure it doesn’t happen again.

“Future violations may result in sanctions, which could include personal financial penalties, contempt of court findings, or relief specific to the prosecution of this matter,” the judge wrote. In an email, a Justice Department spokes-

person said there would be no comment.

Earlier this month, defense lawyers for Mangione had asked that his federal charges be dismissed and the death penalty be taken off the table as a result of public comments by U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi.

Mangione has pleaded not guilty to state and federal charges in the fatal shooting of Thompson on Dec. 4 as he arrived at a Manhattan hotel for his company’s annual investor conference.

In the federal case, Mangione is charged with murder through use of a firearm, which carries the possibility of the death penalty, as well as stalking and gun offenses.

Defense lawyers argued in a written submission to Garnett earlier this month that Justice Department officials poisoned the case when Bondi declared prior to his April indictment that capital punishment is warranted for a “premeditated, cold-blooded assassination that shocked America.” Bondi announced in April that she was directing Manhattan federal prosecutors to seek the death penalty for Mangione.

His lawyers argued that Bondi’s statements and other official actions including a highly choreographed perp walk that saw Mangione led up a Manhattan pier by armed officers, and the Trump administration’s flouting of established death penalty procedures “have violated Mr. Mangione’s constitutional and statutory rights and have fatally prejudiced this death penalty case.” □



The Syracuse University campus is seen in Syracuse, New York, Aug. 31, 2022.

Associated Press

Students charged with hate crime after pork is tossed into a Jewish fraternity on Rosh Hashana

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Two Syracuse University students face hate crimes charges after authorities say one of them tossed a bag of pork into Jewish fraternity house during a Rosh Hashanah celebration.

The incident occurred around 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity house, where members had gathered to mark the Jewish New Year, according to the New York school’s chief student experience officer, Allen Groves.

One of the two men charged is accused of entering the home and tossing in a clear plastic bag of pork against an interior wall, splattering the contents there and on the floor, university police said.

The man then fled the home and got into a vehicle driven by another man. The two, both 18, were soon captured and have been charged with burglary as a hate crime and criminal nuisance.

Onondaga County District Attorney William Fitzpatrick said the hate crime charge came about because it happened on a Jewish holiday at a historically Jewish fraternity.

“This incident is not a foolish college prank and will not be treated as such,” Fitzpatrick said. “It will be treated for what it is, a crime directed against a group of Jewish students enjoying a celebratory dinner and seemingly secure in their residence.”

Groves said the two men have been referred to the university’s Office of Community Standards for potential disciplinary action under the school’s Student Conduct Code.

“Tonight’s incident, as reported to us, is abhorrent, shocking to the conscience and violates our core value of being a place that is truly welcoming to all,” Groves said in a statement posted on the university’s website. “It will not be tolerated at Syracuse University.” □

China, world's largest carbon polluting nation, announces new climate goal to cut emissions

BY SETH BORENSTEIN and
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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

With China leading the way by announcing its first emission cuts, world leaders said Wednesday they are getting more serious about fighting climate change and the deadly extreme weather that comes with it. At the United Nations high-level climate summit, Chinese president Xi Jinping announced the world's largest carbon-polluting country would aim to cut emissions by 7% to 10% by 2035. China spews more than 31% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions, and they have long been soaring.

The announcement came as more than 100 world leaders gathered to talk of increased urgency and the need for stronger efforts to curb the spewing of heat-trapping gases.

With major international climate negotiations in Brazil 6½ weeks away, the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres convened a special leaders summit Wednesday during the General Assembly to focus on specific plans to curb emissions from coal, oil and natural gas.

In a video address, Xi



Secretary General Antonio Guterres leads a climate summit, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, at U.N. headquarters.

pledged that China would increase its wind and solar power sixfold from 2020 levels, make pollution-free vehicles mainstream and "basically establish a climate adaptive society."

Europe then followed with a less detailed and not quite official new climate change fighting plan. Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission, said their infrastructure and investment in renewable energy and the price of carbon had all

increased, and their emissions are down nearly 40% since 1940.

Trump's climate comments challenged

Last week, member states agreed that their nationally determined contribution would range between 66% and 72%, and that they would formally submit their plan before the November negotiations, she said.

Xi and Brazil's leader also took thinly veiled swipes on Wednesday afternoon at U.S. President Donald

Trump's attacks a day earlier on renewable energy and the concept of climate change. "While some country is acting against it, the international community should stay focused on the right direction," Xi said. Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who is hosting the upcoming climate conference, said, "no one is safe from the effect of climate change. Walls at borders will not stop droughts or storms," Lula said. "Nature does not bow

down to bombs or warships. No country stands above another."

"All of us may lose because denialism may actually win," he concluded.

Guterres said, "the science demands action. The law commands it. The economics compel it. And people are calling for it."

Time to 'wake up' amid catastrophes

Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine said she was there to issue "a demand for us all to wake up from a community whose hospitals and schools are being destroyed" by rising tides. She said she has regularly been awakened by floods and drought emergencies in her small island nation and that it will soon be others' turn.

"If we fail to wake up now and end our dependence on fossil fuels the leaders of every country in this room will be woken up by calls about catastrophes of wildfires, of storms, of heatwaves, and of starvation and drought," she said.

Pakistani Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif said his country knows this all too well, with recent floods that have affected 5 million people across over 4,000 villages, killing over 1,000. □

Associated Press

U.N. peacekeepers in Lebanon say an Israeli drone crashed into their headquarters

BEIRUT (AP) — An Israeli drone crashed into the headquarters of the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon but didn't cause any casualties, the force said in a statement Wednesday.

The force, known as UNIFIL, said that by flying drones over Lebanon Israel was violating a U.N. Security Council resolution that helped end the 14-month Israel-Hezbollah war. Resolution 1701, which was first approved in 2006 to end a previous round of fighting, calls for both sides to respect the other's airspace.

UNIFIL said that its explosive ordnance disposal experts secured and neutralized the drone immediately after it hit the headquarters in the Lebanese border town of Naqoura on Tuesday afternoon. UNIFIL added that the drone was not armed but was equipped with a camera.

The Israeli military later confirmed that one

of its drones fell in southern Lebanon, and said it was due to a technical malfunction and that it had made contact with the U.N. peacekeeping force to clarify the situation.

The peacekeeping force said that while peacekeepers are prepared to take action against threats to their safety, "this device fell on its own."

The incident came two weeks after UNIFIL said Israeli drones dropped four grenades close to peacekeepers in southern Lebanon near the border with Israel as they were working to clear roadblocks. No one was hurt in the strike.

The most recent Israel-Hezbollah war killed more than 4,000 people in Lebanon, including hundreds of civilians, and caused an estimated \$11 billion worth of destruction, according to the World Bank. In Israel, 127 people died, including 80 soldiers. □



U.N. peacekeepers from different national contingents march during a ceremony to mark the 47th anniversary of UNIFIL Establishment Day, at the United Nations Peacekeepers headquarters in the southern Lebanese town of Naqoura, Lebanon, March 19, 2025.

Associated Press

Denmark's leader apologizes to Indigenous girls and women in Greenland for forced contraception

By JAMES BROOKS

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark

(AP) — At age 13, Katrine Petersen was fitted with a contraceptive device by Danish doctors without her consent.

She had become pregnant, and after doctors in the Greenlandic town of Maniitsoq terminated her pregnancy, they fitted her with an intrauterine contraceptive device, commonly known as an IUD, or coil.

Now 52 and living in Denmark, Petersen recalled being told she had been fitted with the device before leaving the hospital.

"Because of my age, I didn't know what to do," she said tearfully. "I kept it inside me and never talked about it."

Petersen said her trauma led to "anger, depression, and too much to drink," as she suppressed memories of her experiences and didn't speak about it with doctors.

Later in life, after she married, she was unable to have children.

At a ceremony in Greenland's capital of Nuuk on Wednesday, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, her voice cracking, apologized to Greenlandic Indigenous girls and women like Petersen who were given invasive contracep-



Greenland's Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen, left, and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen, center, greet and apologize to the affected women after a meeting in the cultural house Katuaq in Nuuk, Greenland, Wednesday Sept. 24, 2025.

Associated Press

tion by the Danish health authorities against their will in cases dating back to the 1960s.

"Today, there is only one real thing to say: Sorry," Frederiksen said in Danish, after Greenlandic counterpart Jens-Frederik Nielsen delivered a somber address in Greenlandic. "Sorry for the wrong that was done to you because you were Greenlanders. Sorry for what was taken from you, and for the pain it caused."

"Many of you have been fighting for years for justice

and for us to listen, for us to take responsibility, and we're doing that now: Denmark and Greenland together," Frederiksen said, lamenting "a chapter in our shared history that should never have been written." "On behalf of Denmark. Sorry," she said to polite applause.

Apology comes as Trump seeks influence in Greenland

Last month, Denmark and Greenland already published apologies for their roles in the mistreatment of the women and girls just

ahead of the publication of an independent investigation into the abuse.

The event comes at a difficult time with U.S. President Donald Trump exploiting divisions between Denmark and Greenland as he seeks U.S. influence, even jurisdiction over the territory.

Meanwhile, Denmark has sought to placate the independence movement in Greenland, but historical abuses committed by the former colonial power have tainted its efforts at a rapprochement.

Greenland, which remains

part of the Danish realm, was a colony under Denmark's crown until 1953, when it became a province in the Scandinavian country. In 1979, the island was granted home rule, and 30 years later, Greenland became a self-governing entity.

The forced contraception of Indigenous women and girls was part of centuries of Danish policies that dehumanized Greenlanders and their families.

The policies included the removal of young Inuit children from their parents to be given to Danish foster families for reeducation and controversial parental competency tests that resulted in the forced separation of Greenlandic families.

Young Inuit girls were fitted with contraceptive devices without their consent

An independent investigation, published earlier this month, found Inuit victims, some 12 years old and younger, were either fitted with IUDs or given hormonal birth control injections. They were not told details about the procedure, nor did they give their consent.

Some described traumatic experiences that left them with feelings of shame as well as physical side effects, from pain and bleeding to serious infections. □

23 miners rescued after 43 hours trapped in Colombian gold mine



A miner embraces family members after he was rescued from a gold mine that collapsed, in Segovia, Colombia, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025.

Associated Press

By ASTRID SUÁREZ

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Twenty-three

workers were rescued Wednesday after spending 43 hours trapped in a collapsed underground gold mine in northern Colombia. The miners were met with applause as they emerged from the La Reliquia mine, located in the Antioquia department.

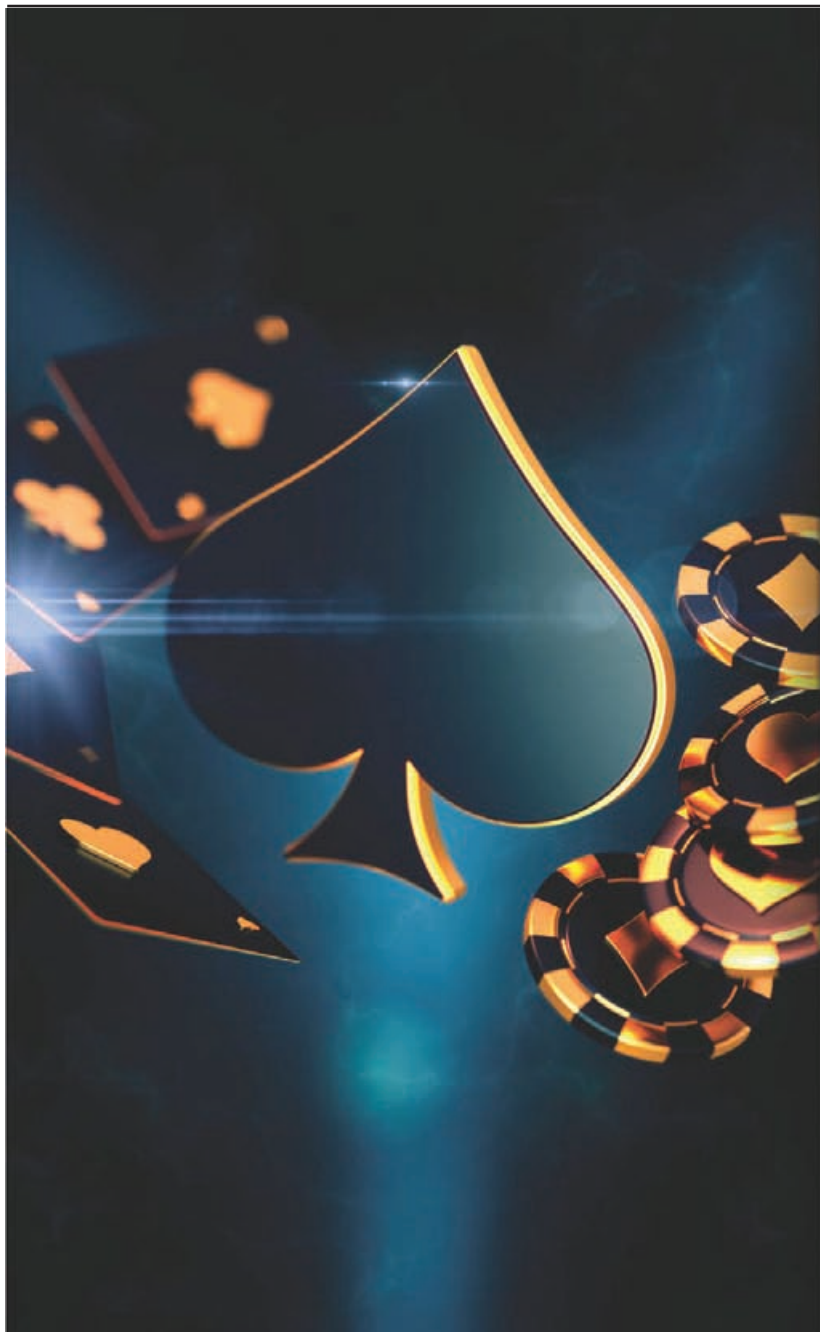
Colombia's National Mining Agency reported that the main entrance to the mine had collapsed on Monday due to a "geomechanical failure." A video released by the ANM shows the first rescued miners walking out under their own power, using a rope to climb the steep entrance to the shaft. Their health status was not immediately disclosed.

The miners' families had been waiting for hours and celebrated their rescue with tears and applause.

The mine is on land belonging to Canada's Aris Mining Corp. but is operated by a local mining cooperative. Aris Mining said earlier that it had provided the trapped workers with food, water and ventilation during the rescue efforts. The mine has about 60 employees and accounts for a "small portion" of the company's total gold production in the area.

Aris runs two mining concessions in Colombia, which last year produced about 6.6 tons of gold. Colombia's gold production climbed to 67 tons per year in 2024, supported by high prices for the precious metal.

A report published in 2023 by Colombia's Human Rights Ombudsman said that more than 80% of Colombia's gold is mined by informal operators with no licenses, including artisanal miners but also members of rebel groups. □



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Aruba: The island of Aloes

ORANJESTAD – Aloe vera, a succulent plant species, is renowned for its incredible properties for the skin. It is widely distributed and usually grows in tropical, semi-tropical and arid climates on the planet. But this plant also had a very prominent role in the history of Aruba, and its significance to the island's economy endures to this day.

The leaves of Aloe vera contain a good amount of

gel which when used topically, is great for the skin. Traditionally, Arubans use this gel to treat minor burns and other skin ailments, or just to keep skin supple and looking bright and nourished. Aside from the gel, aloe contains a bitter, yellow substance (called aloin) which is a gentle but powerful laxative, and it is also the origin of the industry of aloe in Aruba.

According to the website

of Royal Aruba Aloe, Aloe vera was introduced in Aruba around 1840, when most of the island's inhabitants were farmers of little means. Dutch Governor Van Raders introduced the plant after it had been introduced in other islands of the Caribbean to cultivate and harvest the aloe to produce the laxative.

Around 1920, about two-thirds of Aruba was aloe fields, earning our island the nickname "The Island of Aloes."

Under Commander Jan Helenus Ferguson (1866-1871), aloe experienced a boom, which is why there is a road named after him, which goes through the aloe fields. In the 19th century, Aruba was the main supplier of aloin for laxative, which was imported abroad to the United States and Europe. The aloin from Aruba and Curaçao was known to be one of the



best in the world and was more expensive, which meant that at the time, it had significant economic impact, particularly for the local farmers.

However, by the time the oil industry arrived on Aruba, it changed the labor market on Aruba, shifting away from agriculture. It would be after World War II that aloe would make a comeback. And eventually, as science learned about the amazing properties of aloe gel, the industry shifted from producing laxative to producing skin care. An interesting fact is that in 1951, the production of Aruban aloe amounted

to around 30 percent of the total global production!

The impact and relevance of aloe is visible all around Aruba. While most homes will have a few plants for personal use and decoration, houses are also decorated with aloe motifs, and at some point, aloe even featured on post stamps. Around 1920, about two-thirds of Aruba was aloe fields, earning our island the nickname "The Island of Aloes." And in 1955, the aloe became a part of Aruba's coat of arms, symbolizing prosperity for the island. □

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Cas di Torto

Cas di torto (also called cas di lodo or cas di bara) is a traditional building technique from Aruba. It refers to a type of houses made of mud with rounded corners. These houses were usually found around the plantations. The few structures that still exist are the oldest structures that are left standing in the country.

The technique probably came over from the Venezuelan Paraguana Peninsula in the 18th century. Existing houses date back 150 years. Until 1925 many houses on Aruba were built using this technique, afterwards it fell into disuse. In 2005 there were 62 cas di torto houses left, of which only four were in good condition.

The skeleton of the houses is made up of round wooden poles placed with distances of 1.5 feet between them. Branches are interwoven between them, completing the structural support. On this basis, loam is applied, mixed with sand,

water and para grass. This is then coated with aloe vera juice, which gives the white colour and helps to protect against the weather.

On top of the poles pieces of wood are fitted that serve as the base for the roof beams. Until 1815 the roofing usually consisted of corn (maize) stems, afterwards the nuclei of columnar cacti were used. The floor is made of loam, mixed with cement or cow dung.

The houses were usually divided into a kitchen, a living room, a porch and a bedroom. In the kitchen would be a wooden or metal barrel for storing water that was collected in small rain ponds. Around this barrel a thick loam wall would be erected. Often large families would live in these houses; people would sleep on mats on the floor.

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Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Anabui/Tierra Del Sol

This neighborhood can be seen on Van Raders map and Werbata as Anna Boei. Anna Boei is a name of which there isn't much information about its origin.

The best historians were able to deduce is that this name



came to be because of a miscommunication between Van Spengler and the natives who were living on the island. In the Arawak/Taino language one can find the word Anaiboa, which consists of Ana meaning flower or the best and Iboa; the juice of a cassava, which together would mean "the best juice of a cassava".

If one assumes that the actual word heard was Anaboio instead, consisting of Ana meaning the best and Boio (bohio); house, the iteration of Anabui would mean "the best house." This is the origin that has been more or less speculated and assumed for the word Anabui and its meaning.

During the second world

war and later, this area was used as a terrain for training of shooting by militia and later on Korps Mariniers (the marines of Aruba). By the end of the previous century a large part of Anabui was developed to have luxurious villas and a golf course, which lead to it getting the name Tierra Del Sol, Spanish for Land of the Sun. The name is not an official name, but the name of the development project that took place. It is hoped that the original and 'old' name of Anabui is never lost and now it will be remembered by both locals and tourists.

Angochi

This name can be seen on the Werbata map with little and cursive letters. It is the unofficial name for the area given by a tenant to the land that was rented to him.



The biggest probability that historians believe is that it comes from native descent, during the time in the 19th century where Mestizos still lived on Aruba. The name can't really be explain and according to books on its history seems to be more of a sign of corruption.

However, it seems to come from combining A(n), which is a generalizing prefix and Goeiza, which means 'the spirit of a living man'. Angochi remains more of a guess.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; An.□

Aruban snacks and where to find them

ORANJESTAD — Want to taste something different for a change? How about some Aruban snacks that you can find all around the island? Hop in your car, and go to these locations to find some of the most popular and tasty snacks that are beloved by our locals.

One of the staples of Aruban cuisine and snacks is the Pastechi. Pastechi is a Caribbean fried pastry that is filled with cheese, meat, chicken, veggies and sometimes even fish! Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, locally called a "kroket," which is a crusty fried snack with typically a meat and dough mix filling. The Aruban kroket is based on its Dutch counterpart, the "bitterbal".

These two snacks are typically found

in all local snack trucks, which can be found all over the island, including on the side of the main road that stretches from San Nicolas to the Hotel Area. You can also find pastechis and kroketts at local bakeries and snack shops, like Bright Bakery in Piedra Plat, Huchada in Santa Cruz or Pastechi House in the city center. These places may also sell other snacks and sandwiches too, perfect for on-the-road lunch break.

While you're at it, why not accompany your snack with a refreshing "batido"? Batidos are fruit shakes, typically made with added milk for some creaminess. However, you can also ask to hold the milk. Batidos are commonly found in snack shops too. You may find some batido shops next the flea markets downtown, or

if you're on your way to San Nicolas, at Mauchi Smoothies and Juice Bar in Savaneta (located at the side of the main road).

If you are looking for something a bit more fresh and healthy, why not try some coconuts, or shaved ice from local vendors? These vendors carry their little shop at the back of their truck, so they are ever-moving around the island. However, there are a few spots where you can almost always find a coconut/shaved ice vendor:

- Right next to the Red Anchor in San Nicolas, on the way to Baby Beach.
- Along the main road next to the airport field.
- At the California Light House.
- At the Alto Vista Chapel.



These vendors may also sell other delights, like the beloved coconut-based dessert "cocada" or peanuts. All in all, in Aruba, you can always find some place to take a break and have a bite of something local, you maybe just might have to look for them!□

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The stories of “Compa Nanzi”

(Oranjestad)—The most popular character you may hear about in the Caribbean is Anansi, known locally on Aruba as “Compa Nanzi”. Local children grew up hearing the tales of the conniving spider, and his legacy forms part of the oral narrative tradition that is common in Aruba.

Although the stories are most popular in the Caribbean, “Compa Nanzi” is not entirely unknown globally, especially not in the West African region. Brought to the “new world” by enslaved Africans from Ghana, the historical thread of how Nanzi was introduced on Aruba follows the enslaved Africans in Curacao during the colonial era, which saw the biggest population of enslaved Africans in the Dutch Caribbean.

The stories of Compa Nanzi were a sign of hope for freedom among the slaves, who passed around different stories involving the famous spider through word of mouth, due to not being able to express their native culture in the new world. These stories were a way to not only preserve their culture, but it acted as a medium for relief during the harsh treatment to which they were subjected to.

It wasn't until the end of the nineteenth century that the stories of Nanzi were written down in different languages. However, not all stories are completely alike in every country, as is the risk of oral story telling. However, one thing will always be dominant in Compa Nanzi's stories: his sneaky ways to get what he wants!

How Nanzi fooled the king
One day Nanzi was taking a stroll near the castle of Shon Arei, the king. He had this sudden urge to walk in. He didn't think too much about it and committed to what he had in mind. It was a warm afternoon, and the castle personnel were taking their afternoon nap. Even the soldier guarding the castle door was fast asleep, snoring so loud that his beard bounced up and down on his chin. Nanzi just slipped past him, looked back for a moment then walk

right on in.

Nanzi stumbled upon the king's quarters. With all his excitement he sat in the king's throne, and put on his crown that was hanging on the side of the throne. It was very hot that day, and it wasn't long until Nanzi too fell asleep, right there on the king's throne. He was so deep in sleep and snoring so loud, that even when the king found him in his seat, Nanzi did not even notice.

Shon Arei was flabbergasted by the sight of Nanzi on his throne, wearing his crown. How disrespectful! “Soldiers, get him!” he commanded. Nanzi was sound asleep, but when the soldiers picked him up, he jumped from fright. By then though, the soldier already had him in their hold.

“Put him in a sack, stitch it up and throw him in the ocean!” the king said furiously. Two soldiers immediately entered the chamber, took the crown off Nanzi's head and pushed him in a sack.

Nanzi was terrified; it looks like this time he won't get away with his schemes. To get to the ocean, the soldier walked a long distance, and where beginning to feel very thirsty. Luckily they passed by a pub, and decided to have a nice cold beer. They set the sack with Nanzi in it outside and went to enjoy the refreshments. Nanzi was still trembling with fear in the sack.

What is that he hears? A herd of sheep walking by?
“Compadre, listen here!” Nanzi screamed as loud as he could. The sheep herder got close to the sack. “What is this?”

“Man, there is something very beautiful in here that you can see. It's very rare and strange, but indeed, there is something so beautiful in here that you've never seen or will ever see,” Nanzi told the herder.

The herder, very dumb, believed Nanzi's word. “Let me see!” he said.

“Well if you must insist,” Nanzi said, “I'll let you take a look, but only for a quick sec-

ond.” The herder opened the sack, and Nanzi immediately jumped out. Before the herder could even take a look into the sack, Nanzi pushed him in it, and the herder fell head first in.

Nanzi didn't waste any time, and closed off the sack real tight. He then picked up the herder's hat and starting walking behind the traveling sheep as if nothing happened. After a little while, the soldiers headed back outside to continue their journey. As they picked up the sack, the poor herder started screaming to let him out, but the soldiers ignored him, thinking it was Nanzi.

Shon Arei went strolling a while later. He thought to himself: “This time Nanzi could not get away with his foolishness. He probably drowned in that sack ages ago.” That is why, when he saw Nanzi walk behind the herd of sheep on the street, he was flabbergasted again. “Nanzi! Aren't you suppose to be at the bottom of the ocean floor?”

“I was, Your Majesty,” Nanzi replied. But you know what, there is so many things to see down there in the sack! Like this herd of sheep. Seeing that they had no herder, I started walking behind them and gained their trust pretty quickly. At the bottom of the ocean there are so many wonderful things, like diamonds, and bags of gold. Chests of silver and other precious stones,” Nanzi told the king.

“What is that you say?” the king was intrigued. “I want to see it too!”

The king immediately demanded to his soldiers to be put in a sack and be placed in the ocean. Naturally, Shon Arei died because of this. He was never found again. Nanzi followed the soldier back to the castle, where sat once again on the late king's thrown and put his crown on. He took possession of all of Shon Arei's belongings, and lived the rest of his life as king. □

Story and pictures are from “Kon Nanzi a Nek Shon Arei (i otro kuentanan antiano di e araña sabi)” by Nilda Pinto.



Visit the island's popular cave sites!

(Oranjestad)—Among the endless sea of dark brown sand and cacti, there are two caves hidden in the outskirts of San Nicolas, in the north-eastern area of the island. These caves, The Quadirikiri cave and The Fontein Cave are open to visitors of the Arikok National Park, so if you ever decide to take an “off-road” tour in the park, be sure to visit these prehistoric caves...and be sure to bring a flashlight!

Quadirikiri Cave

Known for its two chambers accompanied by a skylight, the Quadirikiri Cave is the most popular cave among locals and tourists, as it is easy to walk through and provides great lighting for pictures.

Woman in Quadirikiri Cave, Arikok National Park, Aruba

As with all prehistoric or ancient sites, there is always a folk legend that adds to the lore and mystery of the site. The Quadirikiri cave is no different. The most well-known legend behind the cave could be considered as Aruba's first love story, as it tells the tale of the undying love between the chief's daughter and her beloved. As legend would have it, the chief disapproved of his daughter's choice of lover, as he thought him unworthy. Stubborn and filled with anger, the daughter refused to turn away her beloved.

So, the chief decided to lock her up in the Quadirikiri Cave, in hopes that she would soon calm down and turn away her lover. Her beloved, in turn, was locked away in the Tunnel of Love (Now known as the Huliba Cave).

Through the pathways underneath the Tunnel of Love running up to the Quadirikiri cave, the two love birds found each other, and refused to let each other go. Because of their stubbornness, they both died in the Quadirikiri Cave, their ascending spirits burning two holes in the ceiling of the cave. This is why the cave has two holes through which sunlight passes through to illuminate the chamber.

Though there have been discoveries of Amerindian drawing on the wall, these have mostly been ruined by vandalism. However, the Fontein Cave further up north, provides a better glimpse in prehistoric Amerindian paintings.

Fontein Cave

Longer than the Quadirikiri Cave, the Fontein Cave contains pathways that stretch to the limestone walls further down. Here is also where prehistoric drawings can be seen. Though this cave does not have its own legend, this was speculated to have been occupied—or at least used by prehistoric Arawak settlers on the island for rituals and other spiritual ceremonies.

The Huliba Cave/ Tunnel of Love

The Huliba Cave, formerly known as the Tunnel of Love, was once open to the public, and was the biggest and most accessible of all three caves. This cave had five chambers, including one that is heart-shaped. This cave had narrow stairs that led to long pathways deep into the cave, with a staircase leading to the exit on the other side. In one of the chambers, there used to be the carving of the Virgin Mary, put there for the protection of the cave.

However, the Huliba Cave has been permanently closed for a few years now, as a way to preserve the bat population that lives in the cave. These Long Tongue Fruit Bats and Insect Eater Bats are very important to the ecosystem of the island. Though this cave is no longer accessible to the public, it surely is interesting to learn more about the history of these caves and the Arawak tribes that resided or utilized them.

Do note that these caves are very dark, humid, hot, and are inhabited by bats. Do wear comfortable clothing and shoes, as the pathways in these caves may be rough and bumpy, and don't forget to bring a flashlight!☐



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

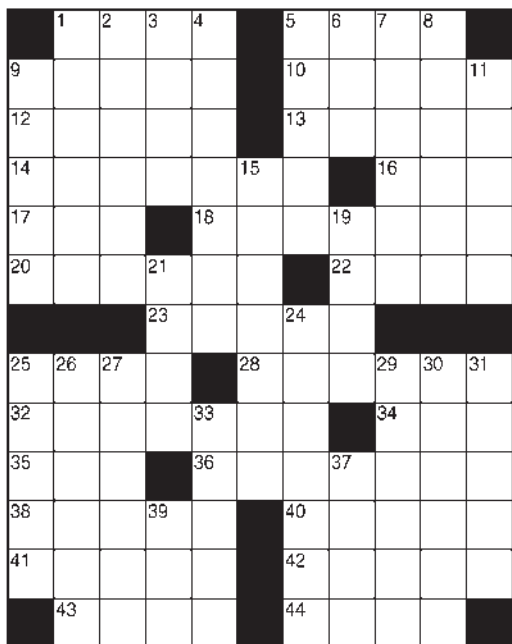
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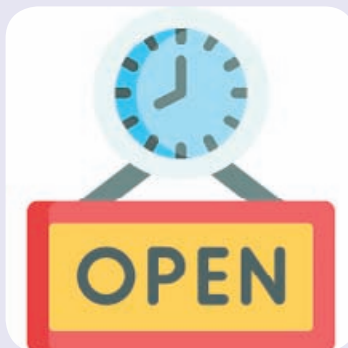
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— ROBIN ROBERTS

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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 8 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku



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Difficulty: ★★★

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AI joins list of global challenges on agenda for U.N. meeting



The UN flag flies on a stormy day at the United Nations during the United Nations General Assembly, Sept. 22, 2022.
Associated Press

By KELVIN CHAN
AP Business Writer

Artificial intelligence is joining the list of big and complex global challenges that world leaders and diplomats will tackle at this week's annual high-level United Nations meetup.

Since the AI boom kicked off with ChatGPT's debut about three years ago, the technology's breathtaking capabilities have amazed the world. Tech companies have raced to develop better AI systems even as experts warn of its risks, including existential threats like engineered pandemics, large-scale misinformation or rogue AIs running out of control, and call for safeguards.

The U.N.'s adoption of a new governance architecture is the latest and biggest effort to rein in AI. Previous multilateral efforts, including three AI summits organized by Britain, South Korea and France, have resulted only in non-binding pledges.

Last month, the General Assembly adopted a resolution to set up two key bodies on AI: a global forum and an independent scientific panel of experts in a milestone move to shepherd global governance efforts for the technology.

On Wednesday, a U.N. Security Council meeting will convene an open debate on the issue. Among the questions to be addressed: How can the Council help ensure the responsible application of AI to comply with international law and support peace processes and conflict prevention? □

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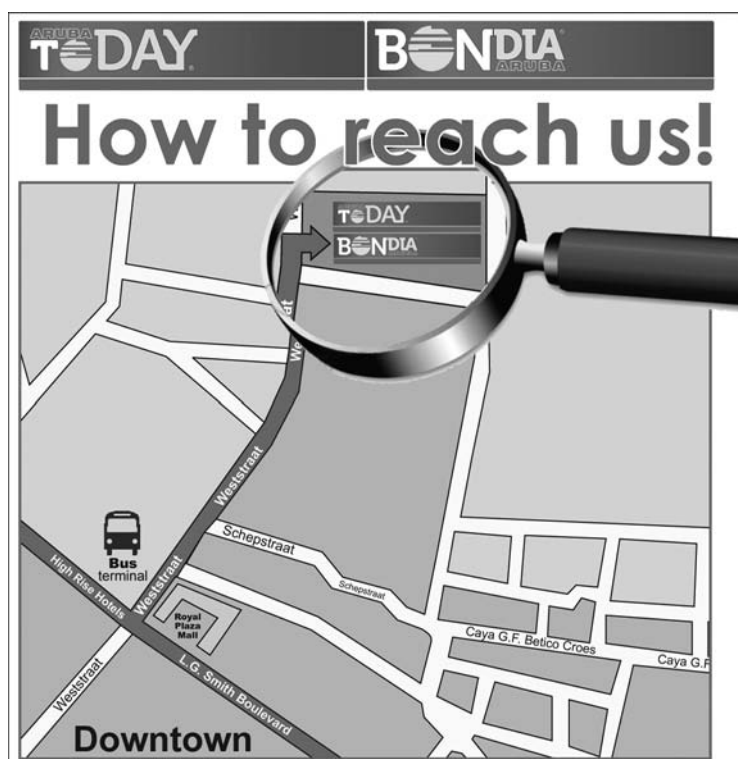
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Dwayne Johnson dove deep for 'The Smashing Machine,' with a little push from friends

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
AP Film Writer

Fear is not something one typically associates with Dwayne Johnson. Certainly not in the ring, as the charismatic heel with the cocked eyebrow, and not in Hollywood, where he has cemented himself as one of the industry's most bankable, and singular, action stars and producers.

By all accounts the formula was working. Yet for years he'd had a suspicion that he could do more, offer more, as an actor. But when it came time to dive into something more raw, more vulnerable for "The Smashing Machine," a drama about MMA fighter Mark Kerr that he'd been thinking about for over a decade, he realized something: He was scared.

"It's not easy to think, 'Hey, I'm capable of doing this and I know I can do this,'" Johnson, 53, told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "You may seem, may have a veneer, that you're capable of it and you're confident. But I was very nervous and scared to do it because it's something that I hadn't done before." Johnson has been open about his difficult childhood, his turbulent relationship with his late father, Rocky Johnson, and their financial insecurity. Yet as an entertainer, he'd kept all those old wounds out of the picture until now. For the first time in his career, he decided to take that trauma and channel it into something he loves: Performance and storytelling. And it's already put him in the Oscar conversation.

"The Smashing Machine," which opens in theaters Oct. 3, wasn't just a leap into the unknown for Johnson. For his co-star Emily Blunt and filmmaker Benny Safdie, directing a feature alone for the first time, it was a chance to express different sides of themselves as well.

"It's hard for us to know what we're capable of sometimes," Blunt said. "Maybe you need friends around you putting a jet pack on



Dwayne Johnson, from left, Benny Safdie and Emily Blunt pose to promote their film "The Smashing Machine" on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, in Los Angeles.

your back and saying, 'You can' and 'you're awesome' and you have so much that you can delve into."

The little voice grows louder

As an actor, Johnson never really did the indie thing. He didn't have to. In 2001, he burst onto the scene in a blockbuster, "The Mummy Returns," and never looked back. In less than 25 years of making movies, his films have made over \$12.5 billion at the global box office and none of those are Marvel.

When he decided to sit down and watch John Hyams' documentary about Kerr, his larger-than-life career was firmly on the ascent with Luke Hobbs and the "Jumanji" franchise still to come. It stuck with him, however, and a few years later when he founded his production company Seven Bucks, he acquired the rights.

More years would pass until another movie ignited the spark again: The thrillingly frenetic "Uncut Gems." And he decided to bring "The Smashing Machine" to the filmmakers who'd had the vision to put an actor like Adam Sandler in a role like Howard Ratner. What if they could see something different for him too?

"I think everybody has this certain idea of who he's gonna be," said Safdie, who

co-directed "Uncut Gems" with his brother Josh. "When I met him, and he brings this story, I was just like, OK, I get it. There's so much there that maybe he's not being asked to show."

Johnson even announced the project in Nov. 2019. Then the pandemic hit, and "The Smashing Machine" went back in the cupboard.

Fusion on 'Oppenheimer'

Safdie, however, hadn't stopped thinking about it. He'd even sent Johnson a version of a Nautica sweater Kerr had worn (size XXL), along with a handwritten letter saying no matter what happened, he hoped he could be involved in some way. Johnson never responded. And the obsession spiraled.

"It burrowed itself into my brain," Safdie said. "Imagining Dwayne as Mark ... it was like my imagination went crazy with it because I really just wanted to see it in existence."

The truth is Johnson never got the letter, or the sweater. Who knows what might have happened if he had. But in reality, another, stranger door had opened when Safdie found himself acting alongside Blunt in "Oppenheimer." Knowing that she'd become close with Johnson on "Jungle Cruise," he took a chance

and told her about "The Smashing Machine" not only for Johnson, but for her too.

Blunt too had been eager to see Johnson push himself. When she met him on "Jungle Cruise" she thought he'd be closer to "The Rock" and quickly came to understand that was not only a character he played but "the performance of a lifetime."

"That's self-realized performance," Blunt said. "I was like, 'You wrote it? You saw it? How many more bonkers people have you got lurking inside of you?'"

She started to wonder if Johnson was this great character actor who didn't even realize it. In "The Smashing Machine," she saw a "visceral, exciting opportunity for all of us to put our feet to the fire."

Blunt added: "All three of us felt that, you know? That moment of terror of what you're trying to create is something very unique. This was going to be, especially for DJ, I realized, a very unique experience and a kind of launch into the unknown. But I think maybe Benny and I knew that he could do it."

Flexing new muscles

Kerr was an early pioneer with UFC in its infancy well before the global MMA leader blossomed into a

mainstream sport. While respected by core fight fans, Kerr's popularity outside the cage never reached the heights or financial riches and endorsement deals enjoyed by modern UFC stars such as Ronda Rousey, Conor McGregor and Jon Jones.

He also struggled with addiction to painkillers and overdosed twice before getting sober. Then there was his sometimes-volatile long-term relationship with then girlfriend Dawn Staples (whom he would later marry, have a child with, and eventually separate from).

This would all require a different kind of preparation for Johnson, who had to shape his muscles into that of an MMA fighter instead of a wrestler. The transformation also included a new voice, new hair and facial prosthetics, overseen by Oscar-winning artist Kazu Hiro, which required nearly four hours in a makeup chair.

But by the time the cameras were rolling, both Dwayne Johnson and The Rock had effectively disappeared. This, Blunt said, was helpful during their domestic fight scenes, where punches may not have been thrown but the emotional wreckage is vast.

"The environment that Benny creates is one of such spontaneity that you really blur the lines between fiction and reality," Blunt said. "It makes the scenes terribly exciting, but I think it makes them quite hard to come down from, because you're really in a spell."

Safdie decided to shoot their arguments in sections. Some they spent a lot of time on, shooting them over and over. But the final moment of their worst fight, they shot just once.

"When you're holding on to somebody for dear life, I do know what that feels like and it's not fun," Safdie said. Seeing that happen at such an intense level, it was like, "Done, we have it. We don't need to do that again. I don't want you guys to do it again." □

Seahawks, Cardinals fight for position in NFC West, which has been the NFL's best division so far

By DAVID BRANDT
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GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP) — The NFC West has not had too much margin for error so far this season.

That's why Thursday night's matchup between the Arizona Cardinals (2-1) and Seattle Seahawks (2-1) feels like such a important moment for a Week 4 game between division rivals, even if it might be way too early to start talking about must-win situations.

The NFC West is led by the San Francisco 49ers (3-0) while the Los Angeles Rams (2-1) are also off to a good start. The nine combined wins is the most for a division so far this season. No other four-team group has more than seven.

"We understand the teams in our division are good teams," Cardinals coach Jonathan Gannon said. "I know we're a good team. You have to win games. They understand the importance of playing at home versus a divisional opponent."

"You don't want to get knocked down too far, but there is a lot of ball to be played."

The Seahawks have dominated the series in recent years, winning seven straight since 2021. Seattle is also trending in a better direction this season, win-



Arizona Cardinals linebacker Akeem Davis-Gaither celebrates a tackle during the second half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, in Santa Clara, Calif.

ning its past two games while the Cardinals lost to the 49ers 16-15 on Sunday. Still, the Cardinals have had one of the league's better defenses this season. The Seahawks have noticed. "That defense is rolling," Seahawks quarterback Sam Darnold said. "They always present issues for an offense, just all the different looks that they can give and what they do in the back end, disguising coverages."

Seattle's run woes

Only three teams have averaged fewer yards per

carry than the Seahawks this season, as they have rushed for more than 100 yards in a game only once. That came in a 31-17 win against the Pittsburgh Steelers, who have allowed the sixth-most rushing yards this season.

The Seahawks have made up for the running problems by being efficient in the passing game. Darnold has completed 70.3% of his passes, good for sixth best in the league, and has only been sacked three times.

Offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak has been pleased

with Darnold's play, but the run game is a concern.

"There's room for improvement just like many facets of our offense," Kubiak said. "We can coach better there, we can play better there and it's something that our guys are putting a big emphasis on."

Void without Conner The Cardinals got bad news this week when they learned running back James Conner will miss the rest of the season with a foot injury suffered against the 49ers on Sunday.

Quarterback Kyler Murray

isn't going to sugarcoat it: That's a tough guy to lose.

"His feel for the game, his leadership, his presence in the huddle and in the locker room yeah, you can't really replace that for real," Murray said.

Conner was a locker room leader but also very productive on the field. He had run for more than 1,000 yards in each of the past two seasons. In his absence, second-year player Trey Benson will have an increased role.

Strong start for Horton

Rookie wide receiver Tory Horton, a fifth-round pick in the draft, has burst onto the scene three games into his pro career. Horton, whose college career at Colorado State was cut short because of a knee injury, has returned a punt for a touchdown and caught two other passes for scores, as well as racked up the third-most receiving yards of any Seahawks player.

The 6-foot-2, 196-pound Horton has an intriguing blend of size and speed, and has already put both to good use for a Seattle offense that has been effective operating through the air.

"He's had a really solid start to the season," Kubiak said. "I'm proud of Tory. Not surprised with just the kind of kid that he is." □



Pittsburgh Penguins alumni Ron Francis (10) plays against Washington Capitals alumni during an exhibition hockey game on an outdoor rink in Heinz Field in Pittsburgh Friday, Dec. 31, 2010.

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Scotty Bowman and Ron Francis headline the Pittsburgh Penguins' Hall of Fame class of 2025

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Scotty Bowman and Ron Francis headline the Pittsburgh Penguins' Hall of Fame class of 2025.

Bowman, the NHL's all-time winningest coach, and Francis, the league's fifth all-time leading scorer, were both important members of the Pittsburgh teams of the early 1990s that claimed the franchise's first two Stanley Cups. The duo, both of whom are in the Hockey Hall of Fame, will be joined by forward Kevin Stevens and former coach/general manager Eddie Johnston during an on-ice ceremony when the Penguins host Columbus on Oct. 25.

All four inductees played a role in Pittsburgh becoming one of the league's marquee attractions during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Johnston was the general manager when the Penguins drafted Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux with the first overall pick in 1984 and later served as the club's head coach from 1993-97.

Bowman was Pittsburgh's director of player personnel

during the 1990-91 season, during which he helped the club bring in a series of veterans including Francis to round out a roster ready to compete for a title.

Bowman took over as head coach in 1991 after Bob Johnson was forced to step down because of a brain cancer diagnosis shortly after leading the Penguins to a championship.

Pittsburgh won its second straight Stanley Cup in 1992 with Bowman behind the bench.

He then guided the Penguins to the Presidents' Trophy in 1992-93 but exited the following offseason in a contract dispute.

Francis spent eight seasons in Pittsburgh after coming over in a trade with the Hartford Whalers. He scored 164 goals to go with 449 assists with the Penguins, adding another 100 points in the playoffs.

Stevens was a three-time All-Star across his two stints in Pittsburgh, scoring 260 goals and adding 295 assists in 522 games with the club. □

Guardians' David Fry sustains broken nose and facial fractures after being hit in face by pitch

By TOM WITHERS
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CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP) — Cleveland Guardians designated hitter David Fry sustained a broken nose and facial fractures after he was hit in the face by a pitch from Detroit's Tarik Skubal in the sixth inning of Cleveland's 5-2 win over the Tigers, a victory that deadlocked the AL Central division race.
 "He is doing OK, he's in good spirits," manager Stephen Vogt said by phone Wednesday morning. "He's upright, he's alert." Vogt visited Fry in the hospital. The team said Fry was discharged from the Cleveland Clinic on Wednesday afternoon and is resting



Cleveland Guardians' David Fry falls back after being hit in the face by a pitch in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers in Cleveland, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025.
 Associated Press

comfortably. The Guardians said imaging and clinical examination showed Fry sustained multiple, minimally displaced, left-sided facial and nasal fractures. A timeline for recovery is 6-8 weeks without the need for surgery.
 Fry was placed on the 10-day injured list before Wednesday's game. Outfielder Johnathan Rodríguez was called up from Triple-A Columbus. Fry squared around to try to bunt a 99 mph fastball from Skubal on Tuesday night and the pitch struck him in the nose and mouth area. As Fry collapsed in the batter's box and immediately grabbed his bloodied face, a visibly shaken Skubal threw off his glove and cap as Vogt and trainers rushed onto the field. Fry laid in the dirt for several minutes before being slowly helped to his feet. He gave a thumbs-up signal as he sat up and was driven off in a cart. The Guardians said Fry was being transported from Lutheran Medical Center to the Cleveland Clinic Main Campus for further testing and observation.
 "It was straight to the face," Vogt said, describing the impact on Fry that shook everyone inside Progressive Field. "We're all thinking about David and his family right now. Obviously, we're glad he is OK, but obviously it's a really scary moment." Skubal, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, paced around the infield as Fry was being assisted. Following the game, Skubal, who allowed just two hits through the first five innings, said seeing Fry in distress was difficult. "Really tough," the left-hander said. "I've already reached out to him. I'm sure his phone is blowing up. I just want to make sure he's all right. Obviously, he seemed like he was OK coming off the field and hopefully it stays that way."



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